

# CITY *Visions*

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## *Keeping Neighborhood Streets and Sidewalks Safe And Obstruction-Free*

**THE NICE** weather and longer daylight hours of spring and summer draw youth and adults alike to the outdoors – whether for a family cook-out, a walk around the block, or moms out with strollers. The kids are where we as parents want them to be: enjoying the outdoor fresh air, keeping physically active, and in plain sight where parents can observe them and know that they're safe in the neighborhood.

As may sometimes happen, however, the healthy and enjoyable activity of one group of physically active kids might also create extreme inconvenience – and perhaps even a significant safety hazard – for others in the neighborhood. Such is the case with portable basketball hoops found in public streets or blocking public sidewalks in many neighborhoods around the community.

By the time someone complains about an obstruction or possible unsafe condition regarding a portable basketball hoop, it's most likely that several incidents have already taken place, and neighborly efforts to resolve the matter have been to no avail. Perhaps a wheelchair-bound individual or someone with a stroller was pre-



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**READ FOR PLEASURE: YOUNG PERSON READS FOR PLEASURE THREE OR MORE HOURS PER WEEK.**

THE SUMMER IS A GREAT TIME TO DEVELOP A READING FOR PLEASURE ETHIC. THE MORGAN HILL LIBRARY HAS OODLES OF GREAT BOOKS FOR YOUTH AND A FABULOUS SUMMER READING CLUB. VISIT THE LIBRARY OR GO TO [WWW.SANTACLARACOUNTYLIB.ORG/MORGANHILL](http://WWW.SANTACLARACOUNTYLIB.ORG/MORGANHILL) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

**ASSET OF THE MONTH**  
[www.projectcornerstone.org](http://www.projectcornerstone.org)




## CITY ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2

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vented from getting reasonable access to a destination within the neighborhood; perhaps an after-dinner pick-up game went on longer into the evening than anticipated, creating distracting noise as families prepare for bed time. It's even possible that a motorist has had a couple of "near-misses" with youngsters scrambling for the ball, and is concerned that the next time might lead to a serious injury.

With many pressing priorities for City staff and law enforcement personnel, the City's approach – when such matters are brought to its attention – is to handle complaints like these on an as-submitted basis. Municipal Code Chapter 12.08 deals with the placement of sports equipment on the street and sidewalk – areas that are considered as the "public right-of-way." This code's purpose isn't to prohibit kids from engaging in healthy, enjoyable physical activity, but to ensure that unnecessary hazards don't develop for pedestrians or motorists, and that youngsters don't suddenly find themselves in harm's way from oncoming traffic.

If a complaint is submitted, the City will notify the property owner in writing of the provisions of the Municipal Code, requesting that the device be removed from the public right-of-way. Sports equipment is to be kept out of any public right-of-way area. The City may have no choice but to remove the sports equipment, or, in some circumstances, initiate code enforcement proceedings.


Bottom line: Be a courteous neighbor. Be aware of, and sensitive to, situations where a free-standing basketball hoop might keep others in the neighborhood from full access in and around the area, or may create an unnecessary hazard. 

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THE CITY of Morgan Hill will be holding a Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 2, to elect a Mayor, two Councilmembers, a City Clerk, and a City Treasurer.

The Councilmembers, City Clerk and City Treasurer are elected to four-year terms, while the Mayor is elected to a two-year term. For citizens who may be interested in seeking one of these elected offices, you must be a resident of the City of Morgan Hill and a registered voter at the time you pull nomination papers.

The nomination filing period for the November election is July 12 through August 6, 2004. A 5-calendar day filing extension period is scheduled August 7 through August 11, should an incumbent fail to file a Declaration of Candidacy by the August 6 filing deadline.

No incumbent(s) may file during the extended filing period. For further information, please contact the City Clerk's office at 779-7259. 

*Article by Irma Torrez, City Clerk, 779-7259*



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MOVES INTO NEW STATION

THE MORGAN Hill Police Department recently completed moving to their new headquarters at 16200 Vineyard Blvd. The City Council approved the purchase and development of a previously-constructed building last July.

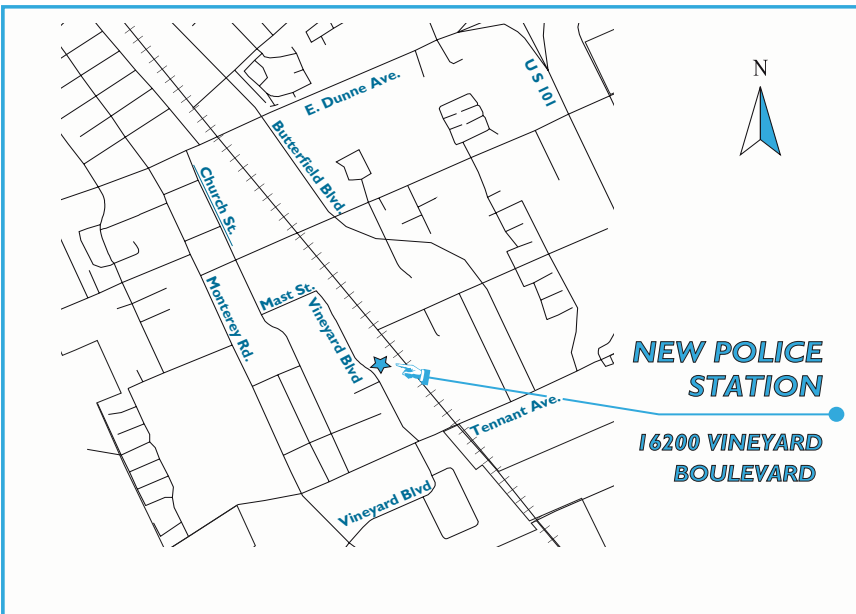
The total cost of the purchase, tenant improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment is \$9.45 million for the 43,023 square foot facility. This is far less than it would have cost to build a new building from the ground up. The old Police Station served the community well since 1986 when it was converted from a bank.

Last year, the City Council recognized the need to expand the current facility to meet the needs of the community. As the search for land, location and costs were evaluated, the Vineyard building was found sitting vacant. After assessing other existing buildings and potentially buying land and building from the ground up, the Vineyard building seemed to be the most cost-effective means to meet the City's needs. Construction of the needed interior improvements started in January 2004 and will be completed this month.

Of the building's total 43,023 square feet, 37,120 has been developed for the Police Department with the remaining 6,000 to be leased. As the Police Department grows in the future, the leased space will be available for the expansion. The new facility will have a training/media/Emergency Operations Center, a detention area able to house up to 13 people, a report writing room, a large briefing room, seven separate interview rooms, an evidence processing and storage room to meet state requirements, and indoor parking for the patrol cars.

The employees of the Police Department are excited about the new headquarters, properly named the John R. Moreno Police Facility, after the late Chief, John Moreno. Chief Moreno is an inspiration to the police department and some of his memorabilia will be proudly displayed in the lobby of the new headquarters. Plans to convert the old Police Station on Monterey Road into a brewpub continue as the private developers selected to purchase the building proceed with their plans. 🏡

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POPPY JASPER FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS A SPECIAL SCREENING OF



Come see an exclusive showing of the smash musical film  
"Grease" starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John!

Wear your best 1950's era clothes and hairstyles!

*Funds raised from this event will go toward the  
Poppy Jasper Film Festival, November 12-14, 2004*

*The City of Morgan Hill is pleased to be a promotional cosponsor of this event.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO [www.poppyjasperfilmfest.org](http://www.poppyjasperfilmfest.org)

# MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY GUIDE

## CHANNEL 17 PROGRAMMING

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION:	7/07	7PM LIVE
	7/08	NOON REPLAY
	7/10	8PM REPLAY
	7/11	NOON REPLAY

REGULAR SESSION:	7/21	7PM LIVE
	7/22	NOON REPLAY
	7/24	8PM REPLAY
	7/25	NOON REPLAY

REGULAR SESSION:	7/28	7PM LIVE
	7/29	NOON REPLAY
	7/31	8PM REPLAY
	8/01	NOON REPLAY

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION:	7/13	7PM LIVE
	7/14	NOON REPLAY
	7/17	NOON REPLAY
	7/18	8PM REPLAY

REGULAR SESSION:	7/27	7PM LIVE
	7/28	NOON REPLAY
	7/31	NOON REPLAY
	8/01	8PM REPLAY

GRASS AND GARDEN HOUR	9:30AM & 5:00PM DAILY
	7:30PM FRIDAY

BICYCLE SAFETY HOUR	10:30AM & 6:00PM DAILY
	8:30PM MONDAY & FRIDAY

FUGITIVE WATCH	11:30AM & 7:00PM DAILY
THE BAY AREA'S MOST WANTED	9:30PM FRIDAY

## COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

### INDEPENDENCE DAY • JULY 4TH

#### **"Oops, We Did It Again"** INDEPENDENCE DAY CLOSINGS:

City Offices will be open on July 2nd and are closed on July 5th. The Morgan Hill Community Calendar has the wrong information listed. We apologize for the inconvenience. For Independence Day activities and celebration information, please call 799-3387 or online, visit [www.mhidi.com](http://www.mhidi.com).

### COMPOSTING WORKSHOP • JULY 14TH

Attendees of Morgan Hill Home Composting workshops discover the benefits of gardening using their own compost. The next class is scheduled for Wednesday, July 14, from 7PM-9M at the YMCA. To register for this free workshop, call the Home Composting Education Program at 918-4640.

### CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor <b>Dennis Kennedy</b>	779-7259
Mayor Pro Tempore <b>Greg Sellers</b>	778-2370
Councilmember <b>Larry Carr</b>	779-9622
Councilmember <b>Hedy L. Chang</b>	778-0511
Councilmember <b>Steve Tate</b>	779-6992
City Clerk <b>Irma Torrez</b>	779-7259
City Treasurer <b>Michael Roorda</b>	778-3653

### CITY EXECUTIVE STAFF

City Manager <b>J. Edward Tewes</b>
City Attorney <b>Helene L. Leichter</b>
Assistant To The City Manager <b>Melissa Stevenson Dile</b>
Business Assistance/Housing Services Director <b>Garrett Toy</b>
Interim Community Development Director <b>J. Edward Tewes</b>
Council Services and Records Manager <b>Irma Torrez</b>
Finance Director <b>Jack Dilles</b>
Human Resources Director <b>Mary Kaye Fisher</b>
Interim Police Chief <b>Bruce Cumming</b>
Public Works Director <b>Jim Ashcraft</b>
Recreation and Community Services Manager <b>Julie Spier</b>

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Building Inspection	779-7241
Business Assist. & Housing Services	776-7373
City Clerk	779-7259
City Manager	779-7271
Community & Cultural Center	782-0008
Emergency Services/Disaster Preparedness	776-7310
Environmental Programs	779-7247
Finance	779-7237
Fire Department (County Fire)	378-4010
Job Hotline	779-7276
Planning: Land Use / Zoning	779-7247
Police Administration	776-7315
Public Works	776-7337
Recreation & Community Services	782-0008
Water	779-7221
Volunteer Programs	779-7278
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